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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO'S STATEMENT TO THE
WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

REF: (A) MEXICO 9647, (B) MEXICO 9694

1. IN JUNE 12 STATEMENT TO MEMBERS OF WFC, PRESIDENT JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO EMPHASIZED THAT PROBLEM OF HUNGER IS ONE FOR ALL HUMANITY. WHEREAS DISARMAMENT WILL RESOLVE THE PROBLEM OF PEACE AND TRANQUILITY AND INVOLVES THE CONSCIENCES OF POWERFUL NATIONS, IT IS NOT THE SOLUTION FOR WEAK NATIONS, THE PRESIDENT SAID. THE RACE AGAINST ARMAMENTS CAN BE WON, BUT WE WISH TO WIN THE PEACE BY FINDING A FORMULA WHEREBY PEOPLES WILL HAVE ENOUGH TO EAT, HE SAID.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY SEES NOTHING NEW OR DRAMATIC IN PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO WFC. HIS BASIC THEME THAT POWERFUL COUNTRIES MUST BE CONCERNED NOT ONLY WITH DISARMAMENT BUT WITH PROBLEM OF WORLD HUNGER REPRESENTS LONGSTANDING
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MEXICAN POSITION AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE MAJOR JLP STATEMENT ON DISARMAMENT THAT MEXICAN DELEGATE PREDICTED (REFTEL A). AS FAR AS EMBASSY AWARE, PRESIDENT'S SPEECH MADE NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO RESOLUTION 14 OF 1974 WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE REQUESTING GOVERNMENTS TO REDUCE ARMAMENTS AND TRANSFER RESOURCES SPENT ON THESE ARMS TO FOOD PRODUCTION, ALTHOUGH THIS HAS BEEN STANDARD GOM POSITION.

3. IF TEXT OF JLP STATEMENT AVAILABLE, EMBASSY WILL AT-
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